

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-9 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-4 and 6-9 are amended, and claim 5 is canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. No new matter is added. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiner Gort at the interview held May 26, 2009, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below, which constitute Applicant's record of the interview.

The Office Action objects to claims 7-9 under 35 U.S.C. §101. Claims 7-9 are amended to obviate the rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 1, 3 and 7 are amended to obviate the rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 3 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 7,236,950 to Savage et al. (hereinafter "Savage"); rejects claims 2, 4, 6, 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Savage in view of "Lawmakers 'Suffer from Amnesia' over Dollar Peg" by South China Morning Post (hereinafter "South China"); and rejects claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Savage in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0163654 to Levantovsky. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1, 3 and 7 are amended to incorporate features similar to the subject matter of canceled claim 5 and to recite that the processings include at least one of a raster image processing for expanding drawing data into bitmap data, a correction processing for correcting the expanded bitmap data, and a printing processing for printing the bitmap data by an information processing device. Claims 1, 3 and 7 are further amended to recite

calculating a fee for each processing executed by the process apparatus on the basis of the received process information and the received status information, and that the calculated fees are set as a charge amount when the received status information indicates that the processings performed by the information processing device are completed normally. These features are shown in Fig. 6 and described in the specification at, for example, page 27, line 2-page 34, line 11.

As discussed and agreed to during the interview, Savage and Levantovsky, alone or in combination, do not teach or suggest a way to calculate fees for executing processings relating to printing of raster image processing (RIP). Specifically, none of the applied references teach or suggest calculating the fees based on the status of performing the processings.

Moreover, in the rejection of claim 5, the Office Action asserts that one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to combine Savage and Levantovsky "in order to provide customers the ability to print documents with a simulated resolution." However, as discussed during the interview, this motivation is merely a conclusory statement from the combination, which is improper for establishing a *prima facie* case of obviousness.

At least for these reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 3 and 7 are patentable over the applied references.

Regarding claims 2, 4, 6, 8 and 9, South China does not overcome the deficiencies of Savage and Levantovsky with respect to independent claims 1, 3 and 7. Therefore, claims 2, 4, 6, 8 and 9 are allowable at least for their dependence on claims 1, 3 and 7, as well as for the additional features they recite. In particular, claims 2, 4 and 8 each recite that the calculated fees are changed when the status information indicates that the processings performed by the information processing device are not completed normally. As discussed during the

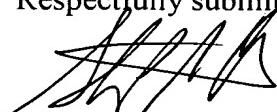
interview, none of the applied references disclose or suggest changing the fees for executing the processings relating to RIP when the processings are not completed normally.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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